

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application)	
)	Confirmation No.: 1799
Inventors: Mark A. Reiley)	
)	Art Unit: 3738
Application No.: 10/615,727)	
)	Examiner: David J. Isabella
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Title: FACET ARTHROPLASTY DEVICES)	
AND METHODS)	

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AMENDMENT AND SUGGESTION OF INTERFERENCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §41.202

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Amendment in response to the Office Action FINAL mailed on August 10, 2005. A three month extension of time to respond to the Office Action accompanies this paper. The time period to respond is thereby extended to February 10, 2006.

In response to the aforementioned Office Action FINAL, Applicant submits the following amendments which place the application in condition for allowance, remarks and request declaration of an interference.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

Suggestion of Interference begins on page 5 of this paper.